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Man Charged with Domestic Violence Killing of Wife in Bellflower

A man pleaded not guilty yesterday to fatally shooting his wife in front of their family on Christmas Day, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Santiago Palacios Salgado (dob 7/25/61) has been charged with five felony counts in case VA146582: one count of murder and four counts of assault with a firearm.

The felony complaint includes a special allegation that the defendant personally and intentionally discharged a firearm, which caused great bodily injury and death during the commission of the crime.

Deputy District Attorney Amanda Luna of the Victim Impact Program is assigned to the case.

Prosecutors said on Dec. 25, 2017, Salgado allegedly went to a home in the 9100 block of Rosecrans Avenue in Bellflower, displayed a handgun and fatally shot his estranged wife, Gabriela Romo-Garcia.

Soon after the shooting, authorities arrived and Salgado was taken into custody, prosecutors added.

The defendant is scheduled to return to court on March 7 for a preliminary hearing setting in Department J of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Norwalk Branch.

If convicted as charged, Salgado faces a maximum possible sentence of life in state prison.

The domestic violence case is being investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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